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To: Alex Adams, Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee
From: Gideon Tolman
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Subject: Public Schools Reopening Funding Request

The Department of the Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund guidance was updated September 2 with a provision that allows funding to be used for expenses associated with the safe reopening of schools. It states that "expenses of up to \$500 per elementary and secondary school student to be eligible expenditures, such that schools do not need to document the specific use of funds up to that amount."

This request is to allocate \$99,272,500 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to Idaho's k-12 public schools. This is the amount by which the Fiscal Year 2021 Public Schools budget was reduced through the 5% Governor's holdback and subsequent Board of Examiners action. It equates to approximately \$315 per student. This will ensure schools have the resources they need to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and facilitate safe reopening.